


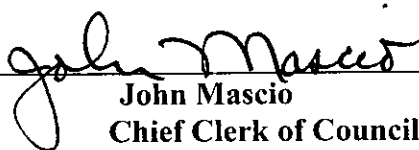
## APPOINTMENT

Approving the reappointment of Judith Thomas Horgan to serve as a Member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

In Council January 23, 2007.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.

  
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Rich Fitzgerald  
President of Council

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John Mascio  
Chief Clerk of Council

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November 28, 2006

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Honorable President and Members  
Allegheny County Council  
119 Courthouse  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Judith Thomas Horgan, whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

The Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations pertaining to the county children and youth social service program and the operation of the county agency. I am recommending that Ms. Horgan serve another three-year term to expire on December 31, 2008.

Ms. Horgan currently serves as Founder and President of Child Watch of Pittsburgh. She also serves as a Trustee for the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and Allegheny College, and as a Board Member for the Children's Home of Pittsburgh. Ms. Horgan is formerly an English teacher at McKeesport High School and was the winner of the United Way Senator John Heinz Award in 1998.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Ms. Horgan will make herself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with her.

Sincerely,

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Dan Onorato

CC: Judith Thomas Horgan

**Judith Thomas Horgan**  
**1005 Fox Chapel Road. Pittsburgh, PA 15238**  
**412.967.9852**

**Community Service**

*Child Watch of Pittsburgh* 1992-Present  
Founder and President

*Children's Museum of Pittsburgh*  
Trustee 1989-Present  
President 2004-2006

*CYF*  
Advisory Board Member 1999-Present

*Children's Home of Pittsburgh* 1989-Present  
Board Member

*Allegheny College*  
Trustee 2003-Present

**Awards and Honors**

League of Women Voters Good Government Award 2002

Pittsburgh Foundation 2001

United Way -- John Heinz Award 1998

**Education**

*Allegheny College* Meadville, PA  
B.A. 1968

*University of Pittsburgh* Graduate Studies

**Employment**

*Former teacher of English, McKeesport High School*  
*Former Director of Volunteer Services, Magee-Womens Hospital*

**Personal**

*Widow --three children --seven grandchildren*

## **1998 United Way Senator John Heinz Award Winner**

### **Judith Horgan, Child Watch Program, The Children's Home of Pittsburgh**

"There is no end to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit." That's the credo of the 1998 United Way Senator John Heinz Award winner: **Judith Horgan**, who founded the Child Watch Program of **The Children's Home of Pittsburgh**.

That statement is also a mantra of Marian Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund whom Judith Horgan patterns her volunteer service after. In the early 1960s, Wright Edelman took Robert Kennedy to Mississippi during the Civic Rights movement to see the state of children living in poverty, many with swollen bellies from malnutrition. Kennedy then brought a Congressional contingent to see these children. Shortly after, the food stamp program was introduced.

Horgan uses that same approach: increasing awareness of the issues facing children to spur others into action. Through her involvement in the Child Watch Program, she takes community leaders to Juvenile Court to see firsthand the plight of the nearly 9,000 children languishing in the court system in Allegheny County. These children are waiting either to be reunited with their families or

for a foster family to adopt them.

The Child Watch Program is a coalition of nearly 135 individuals representing nearly 50 organizations. Their role is not to form yet another child welfare group but to work together so no child is left behind. Pittsburgh's Child Watch Program, according to Horgan, focuses on four major objectives:

1. Encourage local government to move the existing Juvenile Court facility to a larger and better equipped space.
2. Continue to lobby local government and foundations to fund and implement a Juvenile Court Masters Project which would add three hearing officers to hear more cases more quickly.
3. Intensify efforts to recruit additional foster and adoptive families, especially African-American families.
4. Lobby local organizations and foundations to fund additional preventive and treatment support services.

"The County Commissioners reported bids are finally out on the court expansion project and that a developer will be chosen by the end of the year.



## *Judith T. Horgan*



For her extraordinary work as an effective advocate for children, Judith T. Horgan is this year's recipient of The Isabel P. Kennedy Award. A dedicated wife and grandmother, Ms. Horgan has a spiritual and passionate commitment to improving children's lives. She has served on the boards of numerous child service agencies, volunteering thousands of hours of her time, often in a leadership capacity. Ms. Horgan has nurtured and assisted agency staff in leadership, fundraising and program development roles, and also has volunteered countless hours helping agency clients.

Ms. Horgan has the invaluable talent of bringing people together to address the needs of children. This ability led her to conceive the Child Watch project, a collaborative program that advocates for needy children in the Pittsburgh community. She currently chairs the Child Watch Advisory Board, where she was instrumental in bringing about improvements in the juvenile court facility. She established a daily snack program for children attending juvenile court hearings, and she helped children in foster care achieve permanent living arrangements. She also established new positions for judicial officers in juvenile court. In addition to her service to Child Watch of Greater Pittsburgh and FamilyLinks, Ms. Horgan serves on the boards of seven other organizations.

Like Isabel Kennedy, Ms. Horgan is one of those rare women who can combine maternal love and caring, kind diplomacy and spirited tenacity to effect real change for Pittsburgh's children. Her spirit and mission have impacted thousands of children in Allegheny County. Please join us in honoring Judith Horgan.



JUDY HORGAN, FOUNDER

## *A Voice for Children*

**For the past six years a project called Child Watch** of Greater Pittsburgh has been working on behalf of children: raising awareness about their needs, identifying problems, and then reaching out to community members, corporate leaders, and government officials to create solutions. Project founder Judy Horgan, who also chairs the Child Watch advisory board, puts it simply: "Our focus is building a community that cares about children."

One of the project's most noteworthy successes has been in helping to make Pittsburgh's juvenile court system a less forbidding place for the children whom Child Watch describes as "stuck in the child welfare system." Previously, Horgan says, children would arrive at court early in the morning, often missing breakfast, and wait shoulder to shoulder with adults for appointments that were often pushed back late into the day.

Now, thanks in part to the advocacy of Child Watch, the juvenile court is housed in a building separate from the adult facility and breakfast and lunch programs for the children are in place. In addition, with craft sessions sponsored by the Pittsburgh Children's Museum and with local college students holding story hours several times each week, children now have something more to do than simply wait.

Child Watch, which includes representatives from more than seventy organizations in the Pittsburgh area, also works to address the need for permanent homes for children currently in the care of the child welfare system.

"We are not about raising money. We are about raising awareness," Horgan explains. "We want to enlighten people. And when they are aware of the problems, they will do something to change the paradigm." Horgan says that by becoming a voice for children, adults not only effect change but they send children an important message: you are valued.

Horgan's commitment to volunteer work began early in her days at Allegheny, where members of her sorority donated their time at a cerebral palsy clinic. Following graduation, Horgan ran a 500-member volunteer program at a Pittsburgh hospital. It was after her second child contracted a potentially fatal disease—from which, fortunately, he recovered—that Horgan decided to channel her energy toward child advocacy.

Child Watch is just one way that Horgan has found to be a voice for children. She serves on the boards of seven other organizations. Last October the Pittsburgh Foundation recognized her work by honoring her as the recipient of its Isabel P. Kennedy Award, which acknowledges outstanding achievements in volunteer leadership and in solving community problems. More recently the League of Women Voters presented her with its 2002 Good Government Award, which was established "to call attention to and honor individuals, businesses, governmental agencies and others whose public activities have helped to make democracy work and exemplify the best in civic leadership."

But for Horgan the true measure of her work can be summed up in two questions that she says she pauses to ask herself each day: "My place in the world—have I earned it today? Have I done something for children today?"



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December 19, 2006

Judith Thomas Horgan  
1005 Fox Chapel Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Dear Ms. Horgan:

This is to inform you that an Appointment Review Committee Meeting has been scheduled for **4:00 PM, Thursday, January 4, 2006** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

Your presence has been requested to discuss your nomination for reappointment to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at 412-350-6495.

Sincerely,

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John Mascio  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

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January 29, 2007

Judith Thomas Horgan  
1005 Fox Chapel Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Dear Ms. Horgan:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 23, 2007, Council approved your reappointment to serve as a member to the Children, Youth & Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

Congratulations on your appointment and best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

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John Mascio  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

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